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UNINSURED VEHICLES TO PAY NEW \$20 FEE

DURING THE fiscal year April 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964, a total of \$583,323 was paid out of the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund on behalf of motorists involved in accidents, whose vehicles were not insured. In an effort to persuade Alberta motorists to carry the proper insurance on all motor vehicles, new legislation has been brought into effect.

Alberta motorists completing their 1965 License Application Forms will be required to answer the following question: "Do you have the necessary insurance coverage?"

If the answer is "No", indicating that a vehicle is not so insured, the owner will be required to pay an additional fee of \$20.00 into the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund, formerly known as the "Unsatisfied Judgement Fund". This \$20.00 must be added to the "Total Fee Payable" on the application for vehicle license, and the license issuing office must receive an application for a Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Certificate (green certificate) at the time an application is made for a vehicle license.

A separate green certificate application form must be completed and the additional \$20.00 fee paid for each and every uninsured motor vehicle to be registered. The Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act, Section 22, provides for a maximum penalty of \$500.00 where the application indicates that a motor vehicle is insured, when in fact it is an uninsured vehicle.

The law requires the operator of a motor vehicle to produce upon request by a peace officer either

(a) a financial responsibility card (pink card) for that vehicle, or

(b) a certificate (green certificate) issued under the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act acknowledging that the \$20.00 fee has been paid into the fund in respect of the motor vehicle.

The law enforcement bodies in cities, towns and rural areas throughout the province, R.C.M.P., city and municipal police will be carrying out regular spot-checks of motor vehicles for the sole purpose of determining which motorists are uninsured and have failed to pay the \$20.00 fee. Such motorists are liable to a fine of up to \$500, and several in the province have already been penalized to the maximum of this offence. If the \$20.00 fee has been paid, and the motor vehicle has been issued with the green certificate, the owner is not liable to a fine.

Members Now Speak 'For The Record'

FOR THE FIRST TIME in Alberta's history, verbatim records of proceedings in the Legislative Assembly will be permanently chronicled on tape recorders. A motion approving this action received a 60 to one vote last year and recording began when the Assembly reconvened on February 18. The operation is under the supervision of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Transcripts of speeches made by each Member during the Throne Speech and Budget Debates will be made available to MLA's and the press gallery, likely by the following afternoon. Other speeches or statements may also be transcribed on request by an MLA or on direction from the Assembly.

Equipment involved is valued at about \$9,000. Included are four high fidelity, stereophonic recorder-playback machines. Two will be placed in permanent frames in a corner of the press

gallery, while the other two, equipped with foot control pedals, are for transcribing. Machines in the press gallery will be tied in with the sound re-inforcement system, installed last year to assist in diffusing sound evenly throughout the Assembly Chamber. These are automatic and capable of recording continuously for two hours each. When a machine has only 30 seconds recording time left, or a break occurs in the tape, the other machine is switched on automatically.

Each tape has two sound tracks, one to record Assembly proceedings, the other for the operator to record pertinent data, such as the speaker's name, time and subject under discussion.

Initially, four persons will handle the operation, one on recording, two on transcribing and one on assembling the printed copies. One copy will be available to each member of the Legislative Assembly and one to each Member of the Press Gallery, free of charge.

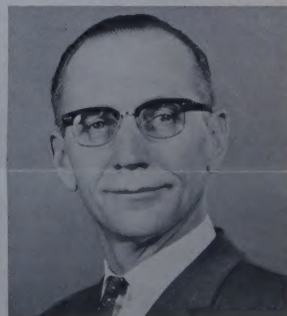
HENRY A. RUSTE NAMED TO MINISTERIAL POST

On Tuesday, February 16, Henry Arild Ruste, 47, Social Credit, M.L.A. for Wainwright, was sworn in as Alberta's Minister of Lands and Forests. Mr. Ruste succeeds the Honorable Norman A. Willmore, who was killed in a traffic accident February 3.

First elected to the Alberta Legislature at the general election in June, 1955, Mr. Ruste was re-elected at elections in 1959 and 1963.

Mr. Ruste was born August 29, 1917, the son of Johan Johnson Ruste and Ronnaug Bjørns-gaard, both Norwegians. He was educated in Wainwright and is a member of the Lutheran faith. On March 3, 1954, he married Arlene Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oskar Stef-fensen of Irma, Alberta, who is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a degree in Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. They have three children, Ivor, 10, Sharon 8, and Donald 4.

Mr. Ruste served several terms on the Board of the Wainwright Municipal Hospital, as Chairman and member of Wainwright R.E.A., member



of the Board of the Wainwright Co-op., on the supervisory committee of the Wainwright and district Savings and Credit Union, as a member of his church board, as an alternate director for District 7 - F.U.A. and in an executive capacity of the local F.U.A. as well as being active in other community organizations.

Mr. Ruste owns and operates a large modern farm near Wainwright, a part of which was homesteaded by his father in 1905, on which he produces grain and livestock.

RECORD BUDGET INCREASE EQUAL EXPENDITURE INCREASED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

Alberta's budget for the coming fiscal year shows an estimated increase of almost \$80 million dollars over the 1964-1965 figures. This represents by far the largest increase from one year to the next in the history of Alberta, approximately equal to the entire budget of fifteen years ago.

Total expenditures for 1965-66 are expected to be \$493,782,862 including \$102,554,501 for capital expenditures. Total estimated revenues are \$471,144,010 leaving an estimated overall deficit of \$22,638,852 which will be paid in full from surplus funds that have accumulated in previous years. No new taxes will be introduced, and no borrowing will be required.

The Departments of Public Works, Education and Public Health will receive the greatest increases, with estimated expenditures in all other departments increased by lesser amounts. The only item which has decreased as compared with the present fiscal year is the appropriation for servicing the Public Debt, which has dropped from \$2,527,600 in 1964-65 to \$2,162,580 in 1965-66.

Additional revenues for the coming fiscal year are expected from the Department of Mines and Minerals, the Treasury Department, the Department of Health, and the Department of the Provincial Secretary. Alberta Government Telephones, as a revenue producing public utility, will contribute \$500,000.

As of March 31, 1964, Alberta's main reserves amounted to \$468,549,000 invested in provincial securities and in cash and Federal and Provincial debentures.

AGRICULTURE

Operations of the services to the farming industry in Alberta will require expenditures of \$9,475,625, an increase of \$1,240,130 over last year.

Appropriations totalling \$996,135 have been entered for district agriculturists and home economists to bring personalized service to farmers. An additional sum of \$1,336,675 has been included for supervision and control of field crops and inspection of the dairy, poultry and livestock industries. The agricultural colleges at Olds, Vermilion and Fairview will require \$1,414,020, and further sums will be spent on farm economics and land development under the A.R.D.A. program.

Large sums have been provided to continue development of irrigation projects, particularly at St. Mary's and Bow River, and land utilization and water control will also require substantial appropriations.

In the capital estimates of the Public Works Department it is proposed that \$2,098,450 be spent for the Department of Agriculture, which includes \$1,713,850 construction at the three schools of Agriculture and \$250,000 to commence construction of a veterinary laboratory in Edmonton.

Interest and rebates of insurance premiums on loans under the Farm Purchase Credit Act are expected to total \$665,000 in revenue on income account.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

The total vote for the Attorney General's Department has been increased to \$13,029,190, an additional \$1,232,530.

The cost of operating of gaols and institutions has increased by \$656,845 to a total of \$4,874,640. A new agreement with the Federal Government for R.C.M.P. protection will cost \$2,813,630, an increase of \$790,030.

Revenues from fees under the Land Titles Act and from statute fines are estimated at \$2,500,000 and \$2,100,000 respectively, with other revenues expected from fees charged for various legal services.

Considerable construction for gaols and institutions will be included in the capital vote for the Department of Public Works. Total construction is estimated to cost \$3,927,650 and will include \$849,000 for a new Provincial Gaol at Peace River; \$995,000 for a new rehabilitation centre at Belmont; \$550,000 for an administration building at the Provincial Gaol in Calgary; and \$410,000 for an addition to the Institute for Boys and Girls at Belmont.

EDUCATION

The Province's contribution toward the ever-growing investment in education shows an increase of \$21,702,900. Total expenditures for 1965-66 are expected to reach \$116,492,260, 29.67 per cent of the total estimated expenditures on income account. Grants to schools have been increased by \$10,770,000

to a total of \$82,300,000 and \$15,000,000 has been provided for the construction of vocational schools. Of this latter amount, \$11,567,000 will be recovered from the Federal Government.

Amounts of \$2,511,735 and \$2,137,745 are included in the estimates for the operation of the Northern and Southern Alberta Institutes of Technology. Due to the technical nature of the courses offered, substantial reimbursements will be received from the Federal Government.

A total amount of \$18,500,000 has been included in the estimates for the payment of operating grants to the Universities of Alberta in Edmonton and Calgary, and the University and College Assistance Act will be amended to provide for this payment, which is estimated at \$1,365 per student.

The policy of assisting deserving students to a University and Technical School education will be expanded and \$1,600,000 has been provided in grants, with an additional \$400,000 in loans for this purpose.

An exceptionally extensive program of constructing and equipping education buildings has been provided for, with \$13,286,000 allocated to new University buildings, including \$3,000,000 to commence the social sciences building and \$1,200,000 for a central cooling plant at Edmonton. In Calgary, \$2,000,000 has been included to complete Calgary Hall, \$965,000 to finish the sciences building, \$800,000 to commence the engineering building, and a like amount for a central heating and cooling building.

The \$7,317,900 appropriated for the Institutes of Technology includes \$3,000,000 to commence the Tower complex and \$1,600,000 for an addition to the heating plant at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and \$2,000,000 to complete the Tower Building at the Northern Institute.

In addition to the building program, \$4,000,000 will be required to furnish and equip buildings at the two universities, and \$1,701,305 for furnishings and equipment at the Institutes of Technology.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Estimated expenditures for the Executive Council during 1965-66 are \$9,907,127, an increase of \$2,879,923 over the previous year.

A capital appropriation in the amount of \$2,500,000 has been introduced in this section of the budget to launch a new program of roads, airstrips and other public works projects recommended by the Northern Development Council.

The Research Council of Alberta will require \$1,832,737 to continue its studies and research, and a pilot plant with office and laboratory accommodation will be constructed, for which \$1,320,000 has been included in the Public Works vote.

HIGHWAYS

The total highways program, requiring expenditures of \$67,870,270 can best be illustrated by the following table:

	Maintenance and Administration		
	Estimates 1965-66	Estimates 1964-65	Increase or Decrease *
Ferries, Bridges and Highways	\$ 6,722,730	\$ 6,586,630	\$ 136,100
Construction and maintenance of bridges in municipalities	2,900,000	3,000,000	100,000*
Construction and maintenance of highways in municipalities	12,250,000	12,280,000	30,000*
Grants for roads in cities	2,000,000		2,000,000
Construction — municipal projects	1,250,000	1,100,000	150,000
Approach roads	500,000	500,000	
Motor Vehicle Branch — administration	2,009,530	1,877,200	132,330
Administration	877,310	847,500	29,810
	<u>\$28,509,570</u>	<u>\$26,191,330</u>	<u>\$2,318,240</u>
Construction			
Main highways, bridges, ferries	\$39,360,700	\$37,453,210	\$1,907,490

In addition to the large sums required to maintain main and district highways, a new amount of \$2,000,000 has been provided to assist cities in construction of highways that connect with provincial highways.

In the capital section, an additional \$2,000,000 has been appropriated for construction of highways in the Lesser Slave Lake area.

An amount of \$1,010,000 of the Public Works maintenance shops and garages.

INDUSTRY

The 1965-66 expenditure and Development total The Publicity appropriation to \$352,400 to enable normal operations but to join the other western Expo '67.

The Department is to promote development of a of publicity and personal Corporation has been established to obtain financing.

Expenditures for the from \$2,440,760 in 1964.

An amount of \$444,400 of Industrial Relations to fully arbitrating disputes, appropriation of \$1,412,000 under the Electrical Protection Boilers Act.

Apprenticeship training is expected to cost \$1,713,000 with the Federal Government.

LANDS

Management and for the greatest proportion estimated for this Department over last year's total appropriation.

A comprehensive program for the orderly development of the industrial growth of the province of \$7,258,040 for this purpose the amount of \$6,907,530.

Further increased expenditures have been included to administer to develop Alberta's Provincial Lands.

MINES

Due to the exceedingly recently realized from the Crown Leases and reserves has increased substantially \$27,000,000 over last year's \$3,000,000 to \$59,000,000, up by \$56,000,000. Total estimated revenue is \$180,212,500, and The administration, a slightly increased vote.

MUNICIPALITIES

Estimated expenditures for 1965-66 are \$3,837,335. Revenue the main source the \$10 municipalities as their revenue assessment. The rate assessment, but, owing to estimated revenue is \$500,000.

The Municipal vote to be active, and \$5,500,000 75 per cent of the labor reimburse two-thirds of the cost.

The Department is to municipalities, and are included to pay for the Provincial Lands.

PROVINCE

Revenue for this vote \$2,184,600, to \$46,512,000 only slightly, from \$2,380,000.

The Fuel Oil Tax increase of \$2,000,000, although there is no increase the lowest of any province for receipts under the Corporation Tax, to \$1,000,000.

TOTAL BUDGET OF 15 YEARS AGO

been included in the estimation to construct main points in the province.

DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Industry has an increase of \$358,200. It is not only continue its centennial advertising in a joint display for

its efforts to assist and with through the channels of the Alberta Commercial through which smaller organizations not ordinarily available.

ment of Labour have risen \$2,640,820.

been provided for the Board an excellent work in success-management and labour. An shared to carry out inspections the Gas Protection Act, and

ordered by the Department, the cost-sharing arrangements \$4,415 will be recovered.

FORESTS

of Alberta's forests account total budget of \$12,517,390 is an increase of \$1,055,540 of \$11,461,850.

for forest protection and the to fit into the expanding the assumed by the allocation is \$350,520 more than year.

\$1,063,320 and \$1,200,000 have and Wildlife Branch and

MINERALS

ing returns which have been petroleum and natural gas revenue from this source \$75,000,000, an increase of has been increased by totals are expected to yield from the previous year.

coming year for this department \$35,018,000 over last year. actual resources will require \$1,590.

AFFAIRS

The Department of Municipal a slight increase over last expected to increase, with expected to be received from to the Province's hospital- of 4 mills on the equalized in total assessment, the than last year.

Executive Program continues been provided to pay for Federal Government will

uniform assessment service totalling \$1,283,515 have

SECRETARY

is expected to increase by estimated expenditures rise \$45,860.

to yield \$42,000,000, an amount estimated for 1964-65, increase the rates of tax, and increases are estimated Tax and the Insurance \$2,500,000 respectively.

The increase in expenditure is due to the extension of recreational and cultural activities, to provide centennial grants of \$1.00 per capita to the municipalities, and to develop the Provincial Museum project in preparation for its opening in 1967.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Estimates for the Department of Health are increased by \$15,487,450 to a total of \$120,124,150. This represents 30.7 percent of the total operating budget and nearly one-quarter of the total budget on combined income and capital accounts. Actual gross estimated expenditures amount to \$126,326,050, but reimbursements from the Federal Government on cost sharing services reduces the expenditure by \$6,201,900.

The total estimated cost of the Alberta Hospitalization Plan is \$85,179,750, \$9,209,750 more than last year. \$3,000,000 has been provided to pay grants to the operators of nursing homes, amounting to \$4.50 per bed-day for all patients not on public assistance.

Under the Alberta Medical Care Plan, \$3,043,000 has been included in the estimates to pay for subsidies on medical insurance rates for those residents who qualify.

Increased costs and extended services at the Alberta Mental Hospitals have resulted in appropriations requiring \$1,388,200 more than last year to a total of \$14,874,100; care of tuberculosis patients will cost \$2,670,200, and the cost of cancer treatment has been increased from \$1,489,500 to \$2,103,000 to provide for the latest equipment.

The following table shows the estimated net cost of all health services compared to figures for the estimates of a year ago:

	Estimates 1965-66	Estimates 1964-65	Increase
Alberta Hospitalization Plan	\$ 85,179,750	\$ 75,970,000	\$ 9,209,750
Care of Mentally Ill	14,245,100	12,813,900	1,431,200
Care of Tuberculosis Patients	2,573,700	2,360,000	213,700
Cancer	1,657,525	1,038,000	619,525
Alberta Medical Plan	3,043,000	2,830,800	212,200
Nursing Home Assistance	3,000,000		3,000,000
Medical Care of Pensioners	2,500,300	2,307,000	193,300
Hospital Construction Grants	4,462,000	3,977,000	485,000
Administration and other Health Services	3,462,775	3,340,000	122,775
	<u>\$120,124,150</u>	<u>\$104,636,700</u>	<u>\$15,487,450</u>

A substantial program of construction, expected to cost \$5,464,500 has again been included by the Department of Public Works for health services. Allocated for additions and renovations at government hospitals, \$2,402,500; for construction of the new cancer clinic, \$1,500,000; construction of a nursing home for veterans, \$1,000,000; and additions to the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health, \$450,000.

PUBLIC WORKS

Estimated expenditures for the Department of Public Works are \$73,089,730, an increase of \$28,892,990 from last year. A greatly accelerated program of construction of public buildings accounts for \$48,060,100 of this amount, with capital expenditures estimated at \$56,422,000.

The increase in the estimated expenditure on income account is due to higher maintenance costs resulting from more buildings to be looked after, and appropriations totalling \$14,384,350 have been included for this purpose. Grants to municipalities in lieu of taxes will require \$1,750,000 and \$121,000 has been provided to assist certain municipalities in the construction of police buildings.

PUBLIC WELFARE

The estimated gross amount to be required for public welfare next year is \$46,365,165 against which is applied Federal reimbursements to bring the department's net cost down to \$29,375,280. This represents an increase of \$2,587,805 over last year.

The following tables shows the net cost of the different services of the welfare program:

	Estimates 1965-66	Estimates 1964-65	Increase or Decrease*	No. of Recipients
Public Assistance	\$14,418,215	\$11,819,780	\$2,598,435	13,000
Rehabilitation	394,040	359,900	34,140	
Child Welfare	3,504,970	3,545,000	40,030*	4,100
Pensions & Allowances	5,062,990	5,166,910	103,920*	11,135
Supplementary Allowances	2,902,000	3,303,000	401,000*	16,700
Homes for Unmarried Mothers	174,415	141,850	32,565	
Homes for Neglected Children	83,600		83,600	
Emergency Measures	189,840	210,230	20,390*	
Organization Administration	2,645,210	2,240,805	404,405	
	<u>\$29,375,280</u>	<u>\$26,787,475</u>	<u>\$2,587,805</u>	

Provision has been made in the Public Works estimates to build four more homes for senior citizens. By the end of next year, there will be in operation 65 homes throughout the province. It is also intended to construct various welfare homes and hostels at an estimated cost of \$1,320,000.

TREASURY

Estimated revenue for the Treasury Department during the coming year shows an increase of \$12,148,230 over the 1964-65 figure. Higher returns are expected from the Federal Government, the Alberta Income Tax Act is expected to yield \$65,700,000, an increase of \$6,550,000, while the province's share of estate taxes and of certain public utilities corporations taxes are estimated to be \$4,850,000 and \$3,000,000 respectively.

Interest on invested reserves will amount to \$17,853,680 and principal repayments will be \$10,244,700. Liquor profits are expected to be \$2,000,000 higher at \$28,500,000.

Operations of the Treasury Branches will expand and the appropriation has increased from \$4,490,370 to \$5,953,430. However, earnings and profits from Treasury Branches will amount to \$7,800,000, an increase of \$1,300,000 over last year. Unconditional grants to municipalities will be increased from \$16,500,000 to \$16,926,000.

Under the Farm Purchase Credit Act, 2,521 applications were approved to the end of 1964, totalling \$13,826,936 in loans, with anticipated additional loans for the next year amounting to \$1,800,000. In addition, \$1,000,000 in loans under The Rural Telephones Revolving Fund Act have been anticipated.

MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE

Provincial assistance to municipalities to be made directly and indirectly is estimated to be \$211,801,060, an increase of \$43,517,224. The total for 1965-66 is 42.89 per cent of the over-all budget.

Grants to schools have been increased by \$10,711,500, to a total of \$81,983,000; net provincial assistance towards construction of technical schools is estimated to be \$3,750,000; and \$1,200,000 has been appropriated as a contribution to the Teachers' Retirement Fund. Grants to municipalities for construction and maintenance of highways will be \$20,690,000, an increase of \$2,310,000 over the previous year, and \$16,926,000 will be distributed as unconditional grants.

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Voluntary Admission Stressed By New Mental Health Act

A NEW CONCEPT in legislation governing the care of mentally ill persons is embodied in the Alberta Mental Health Act, which became effective on January 1, 1965. The Act was patterned after the British Mental Health Act of 1959, adapting its principles to the Alberta scene. Some use was also made of the Saskatchewan Mental Health Act of 1961.

The Mental Health Act now pertains to mentally disordered persons, which includes persons suffering from mental illness, mental retardation, or any other disorder or disability of the mind. One main purpose of the Act is to stress as much as possible the voluntary admission of patients to Alberta mental hospitals.

For the unwilling patient, admission is authorized by two medical certificates, or, in the case of an emergency, one medical certificate. Under the Act, the use of one medical certificate only is permitted when it appears impossible to obtain the certificate of another physician within a reasonable length of time. Medical certificates issued to authorize admission of a mentally ill person to hospital must specify that the patient is believed to require "care, supervision and control for his own protection and/or welfare, or for the protection of others".

These medical certificates are of limited duration, so that the patient can willingly become a voluntary patient. Should it be necessary to retain the patient in hospital, a renewal certificate must be issued within 30 days, and this renewal is good for only six months. At the end of this time, unless the patient wishes to become a voluntary patient, a further certificate must be issued for a similar period.

To further protect the patient, he or his nearest relative has a right to file a complaint to a review panel. This panel will be made up of three persons, a psychiatrist, a lawyer and a lay person. The panel must hear the complaint and must issue a decision, which may or may not agree with the issuance of a renewal certificate. They may decide that the renewal certificate should not have been issued, or that the existing certificate should be revoked. The Superintendent must then take action on the basis of the decision of this panel.

The patient or a responsible relative has the right to appeal to the review panel each time a renewal certificate is issued.

The Act also gives the Minister of Health the right to request that a patient be examined by a review panel - in other words, the Minister may act on behalf of a patient. However, the decision of the review panel is not necessarily final, as the patient has the right to appeal to a Supreme Court Judge, to overrule the decision of the panel.

With the repeal of the Mental Defectives Act and the Mental Diseases Act, a judicial enquiry is no longer necessary. In a situation where the patient refuses examination, a reliable person may complain to a magistrate, who may order the police to apprehend the patient and take him to a hospital or a place of safety for examination. There a doctor must examine him and decide whether he is to be released, or issue a certificate.

The functions of a mental hospital have changed a great deal in the last ten years. They are now operated in a manner more nearly resembling the operation of a general hospital, but still providing protection for the patients. For example, under the new Act, when a person has sufficiently recovered from a mental illness to be discharged, he must be discharged, just as a person recovered from illness is discharged from any general hospital.

The names of the hospitals, too, have been changed. They are now called "Alberta Hospitals" and designated by their geographic locations. Thus, the Provincial Mental Hospital, Ponoka, becomes the "Alberta Hospital, Ponoka"; the Oliver Mental Hospital and Provincial Mental Institute in Edmonton becomes "Alberta Hospital, Edmonton". The new title for the Provincial Training School at Red Deer is the "Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer". Emotionally disturbed children may be treated at Linden House, a separate unit on the grounds of the Alberta School Hospital, Red Deer. Mentally retarded persons over 16 years of age may be admitted to Deerhome, Red Deer.

During the six months following January 1, 1965, each person presently a patient in one of the Alberta Hospitals will be given the opportunity to become a voluntary patient. At the end of that time, if any patients have not yet done so, both patient and relatives will be notified of their right of appeal to a review panel. It is of

STANDARD RATE SET FOR CERTIFICATES

AN IMPORTANT first step towards a standard fee across Canada for birth, death and marriage certificates will be taken in Alberta on April 1, 1965. On and after that date, a flat two dollar charge will be in effect in this Province for each certificate issued to the public, regardless of whether it is the wallet-size plastic certificate or the long paper form.

This standard fee for all provinces and territories was recommended by the Vital Statistics Council for Canada at a meeting in Ottawa last June. The Council, a body composed of the vital statistics registrars of the provinces and territories under the chairmanship of the Dominion Statistician, found wide variations in the fees charged from province to province, and for different types of certificates in the same province, as well as for extra copies of the same document. The discrepancies in price ranges were confusing to the public, who often enclosed the wrong amounts with applications, especially so in cases where an applicant was applying for certificates concurrently from several provinces. The council members also felt that the \$2.00 fee was a fair and reasonable charge for the service that is being provided.

The new two dollar rate will replace prices ranging from one to five dollars depending on the province and the type of certificate required. The rate will apply to all applications postmarked or requested in person on or after April 1, 1965.

In Alberta, application forms for birth or death certificates are available from most hospitals, and for birth, death or marriage certificates from the District Registrar of Vital Statistics in the larger centres throughout the province. Letters of application for certificates may be forwarded direct to the Division of Vital Statistics, 9815 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton.

interest to note that, even under the previous Mental Defectives Act and Mental Diseases Act, only about 30% of the patients were admitted by legal enquiry and warrant of the Attorney General. All others were admitted voluntarily, or by medical certificate issued by their doctors.

Coming Events

MARCH

1	Royal Winnipeg Ballet	Lethbridge
1-2	Canadian Police Curling Association Annual Bonspiel	Edmonton
1-3	Canadian Trucking Association Inc.	Calgary
3	Northern Alberta Ladies' Curling Assoc. Annual Banquet and Show	Edmonton
3-5	Joint Convention of Alberta Fire Chiefs' Association and Alberta Fire Protection Association	Red Deer
4-5	Calgary Seed Fair, Hay Show and Farm Short Course	Calgary
4-5	1965 Provincial Junior Seed Fair	Calgary
6-7	Symphony Society	Edmonton
9	R.C.A.F. Tactical Air Command Band Concert	Edmonton
15-18	65th Annual Bull Sale	Calgary
15-20	5th Motor Fleet Supervisory Course by Alberta Safety Council	Banff
18-19	Royal Orange Convention	Lethbridge

19-20	Alberta Highland Dancing Assoc. Competitions	Edmonton
21	C.G.I.T. 50th Anniversary Celebration	Edmonton
22-27	Canadian Western Stock Show and Rodeo	Edmonton
25-29	Professional Engineers' Association	Calgary
26-28	K-40 Bonspiel	Calgary
27-28	Symphony Society	Edmonton
28-30	Air Industries Association of Canada	Edmonton

APRIL

1-9	Kiwanis Music Festival	Lethbridge
5-9	Medicine Hat Rotary Music Festival	Medicine Hat
9-10	Alberta Recreation Association Convention	Edmonton
17-18	Championship Dog Show and Obedience Trial	Lethbridge
19-21	Alberta Teachers' Association	Edmonton
19-24	Canadian Northwest Trade Fair	Edmonton
20-23	Canadian Music Educators	Calgary
27-29	Western Association of Canadian Highways Officials	Edmonton
28-30	Annual Bull Sale	Lacombe